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Amendment to the Specification**New Version of the Abstract:**

An absorbent article is disclosed. The article includes an absorbent chassis and a pair of front and back panels. The absorbent chassis defines a pair of laterally opposed side edges. The opposed back panels are permanently attached to the side edges of the absorbent chassis in the back waist region of the article to provide a permanent joint. The opposed front panels are refastenably attached to the side edges of the absorbent chassis in the front waist region of the article to provide a refastenable joint. The front and back side panels are permanently connected together along a side seam to define a waist opening and a pair of leg openings in the article. ~~In use, the article can function in a similar manner to conventional training pants when in the prefastened configuration, or it can be unfastened prior to or during use to function in a refastenable manner similar to conventional diapers.~~

New Version of lines 1-7 on page 22 of the Preliminary Amendment filed on December 18, 2002

(Appendix B- Clean Version of Summary of the Invention section):

openings and provide the pant-like, prefastened, refastenably disposable absorbent article. The absorbent article also includes a fastener located on each of the front panels which ~~are~~ is releasably engaged with the exterior surface of the absorbent chassis in the front waist region to provide the refastenably joint. The absorbent article finally includes a releasable bond located on each of the front panels which releasably bonds the front ~~panels~~ panel to the side ~~edges~~ edge of the absorbent chassis in the front waist region to assist in maintaining the pant-like, prefastened, disposable absorbent article in the prefastened condition.